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Manley Vaughan Killed in the Tug River Strike Zone

Eighteen-Year-Old Member of Lawrence County Troop Dies in the Service.

This community was shocked and deeply grieved, and also filled with righteous indignation Thursday morning of this week by the news that Manley Vaughan had been killed Wednesday evening near Nolan, W. Va. He was a member of the Lawrence County Cavalry troop now on duty in the Tug river strike zone. He was a son of W. J. Vaughan, most favorably known throughout the State of Kentucky as a field worker for the State Sunday School Association.

Wednesday evening about 60 shots were fired from the Kentucky side of the river and Lieutenant C. F. Sen, Jr., was ordered to take his men and go to the scene. While on the way, on the West Virginia side, they met four men who were suspected. The command was given to the four to throw up their hands. They did so and the soldiers began to search them. A pistol was found on one of them and the others began to shoot at the soldiers. George Crum shot Manley Vaughan through the head twice and he died instantly. A West Virginia trooper named Keckley was also killed. The soldiers shot George Crum so badly that death is expected at any time. He divulged the names of six other men engaged in the shooting and the soldiers succeeded in arresting them. This was at Big Splint mine.

These men are union strikers, according to reliable reports from the field. One of the first reports that came out of the field was that the men were not connected with the strike in any way, and we therefore believe it is important to give the truth on this point.

The bodies of the dead men were taken to Williamson and Manley Vaughan's body arrived here Thursday at 1 o'clock. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at the home place two miles from Louisa.

Manley was barely eighteen years of age. He was known as one of the best boys in this county. In fact, that is a poor description of him. In point of character, ambition, morals, and promise of a useful future he stood at the very top of the list of young men who have grown up in this community. He was a member of the Baptist Church, devoutly religious, which fact is the greatest consolation in this sad hour to his father, relatives and friends. Since the death of his mother two or three years ago he has had the care of the farm and the younger children very largely on his hands while his father was out over the State working in the Sunday Schools. The extent of the loss of a life of this kind is beyond calculation. What a price this is to pay for the depredations of a lot of anarchists and thugs!

This community is tremendously stirred by this awful tragedy.

NATIONAL TROOPS URGED.

The following telegram was sent to Gov. Morrow Thursday morning from Louisa:

Gov. E. P. Morrow, Frankfort, Kentucky. Manley Vaughan, 17 year old son of the well known State Sunday school worker, was one of the troopers killed in Mingo county, W. Va., last night while serving as citizens here greatly aroused over these untrained men being kept in field. We implore you to demand of President Harding that seasoned and professional soldiers be sent there immediately to supplant local troopers.

We can prove that many of Lawrence County troopers could not load guns when ordered to do so upon arrival in the field.

HIG SANDY NEWS
BILLIE RUFFE, County Judge
A. SNYDER, Mayor City of Louisa

NOTICE.

The Street Improvement Committee of the City Council, Louisa, Ky., will meet at the city building, Saturday, June 4, 1921, at 8 o'clock a. m., and will from this point proceed to inspect completed street paving improvement block, Madison street, from the bridge to Main Cross street, cost as shown by City Engineers report of estimate \$11.12 and \$8.03 per front foot.

Owners of property liable for the cost of the improvement and the contractor, J. L. Richmond, may appear and be heard before said Street Improvement Committee as to whether the work has been done and the cost thereof estimated in accordance with plans and specifications and the contract therefor. Any protest against the acceptance of the improvement or the estimate of the cost thereof must be in writing.

Signed T. D. BURGESS,
Chairman S. I. C.
Louisa, Ky., May 26, 1921.

Detectives Are Freed in Matewan Case

Louisburg, W. Va., May 24.—Six Baldwin-Felts detectives, indicted in connection with the deaths of three persons who were killed in the battle at Matewan, W. Va., more than a year ago, were found not guilty by a jury in circuit court here today.

The indictment against the detectives were returned by a Mingo county grand jury and the trial was held in the Greenbrier court here on a change of venue. The indictment, naming G. W. Anderson, J. R. Anderson, R. C. Buckhannon, John McDowell, Oscar Bennet and G. B. Hilderbrand, charged them with murder in connection with the killing of Mayor C. C. Testament, Tot Tinsley and Robert Mullens.

H. M. Austin of counsel for the state, told the court at the outset that only one witness for the prosecution was present and that he had been unable to learn anything of the merits of the state's case. The defense announced that it was ready to proceed, and Judge H. H. Sharp ordered that a jury be impaneled.

The testimony of the witness was taken up first. The defendants pleaded not guilty and Isaac Brewer, one of 110 state witnesses to appear, was placed on the stand. He testified that Sid Hatfield, former chief of police of Matewan, shot the mayor, who was standing in front of a hardware store. Hatfield, the witness told the jury, fired from inside the store. On cross-examination counsel for the defense stressed the point that the shot which ended Testament's life came from inside the store and that all of the Baldwin men were on the outside.

This ended the testimony, and in a short time the jury returned the verdict of acquittal.

The other two indictments against the detectives were called and the prosecutor ended a nolle prosequi in each case.

The battle at Matewan occurred a few hours after the Baldwin men had evicted certain families from houses owned by a coal company. In addition to Testament, Tinsley and Mullens, seven detectives were killed. Sid Hatfield and fifteen co-defendants tried in connection with the death of one of the detectives, were acquitted.

TWO MEN KILLED IN PIKE COUNTY

Pikeville, Ky., May 23.—James Case and Charley Case, brothers, were fatally shot at Edgewood mines near Heller, Ky., late Sunday by Jim Elam and his son. The two families lived side by side. The men became involved in a quarrel and the Elams opened fire. After James Case was shot he was stabbed fatally with a long knife made of a file.

Charley Case was mortally wounded and died on the way to the hospital before the train reached Pikeville today.

At Greasy creek Wiley Branham was shot perhaps fatally at a baseball game by Bruce Stanley. The ball entered the larynx and lodged in the spine. He was taken to the hospital today.

K. N. C. Will Celebrate in New Auditorium Aug. 27

State Superintendent George Colvin has accepted an invitation to speak at an affair to be given by Kentucky Normal College at Louisa, August 27th. Senator A. O. Stanley also has accepted a similar invitation.

The occasion will be the dedication of the large auditorium which is now nearing completion. The metal work has been finished and the carpenter force is engaged on the wood finish. The chairs for seating the building will arrive in about three weeks.

THREE MEN DROWN IN KENTUCKY RIVER

Three men were drowned when a small boat which a crowd of men had boarded to cross the Kentucky River on their way home from a party capsize near Chavies, Breathitt county. Others swam to shore. Those drowned were William Collins, W. A. Neace and J. N. Mullins, all married.

DRINKING CUP LAW.

Notice is hereby given that the law in regard to the use of public drinking cups must be enforced. A. SNYDER, Mayor.

Judge J. B. Clayton, uncle of Manley Vaughan, went to Williamson on No. 8 Thursday to bring the body home.

DEALING GENTLY WITH THE ERRING ONES

Sherman Marcum was arrested Sunday morning on a peace warrant and lodged in jail. On Monday he had a hearing in County Court and a bond for good behavior was fixed at \$200. He has not yet executed this bond.

On Tuesday he was taken into police court upon three charges—shooting on the streets, carrying deadly weapon, and drunkenness. After a jury was empaneled the defendant and his attorney called the city attorney into conference and an agreement was reached by which three fines of \$20, \$30 and \$50 should be assessed (a total of \$100 for all the cases). Also, the lowest penalty of ten days imprisonment was included in the agreement. Judge Hewitt accepted the agreement and the jury was discharged.

Marcum was one of the four fellows who created such a disturbance on the streets April 30 by driving on the streets in an automobile, defying arrest. Marcum discharged his pistol on Madison street during this ride.

MRS. FETTER PAYS \$60,000 FOR THE MEANS HOME

The handsome Charles Means home on Bath avenue, Ashland, adjoining the mansion of Mrs. S. P. Fetter was sold at Catlettsburg at public sale. Mrs. Fetter bidding it in at \$60,000. Col. T. A. Field we also understand bid on this magnificent property, his bid being about \$500 less than Mrs. Fetter's. Just what will be done with this residence we are not authorized to say, but the grounds about it comprising half a block, thrown into the grounds about the Fetter home will make a show place for Ashland that few cities can boast of. Just how Mrs. Fetter will improve and adorn this ground has not been made public. Ashland is independent.

UNION OIL COMPANY WINS EIGHT SUITS

SWEEPING DECISION BY JUDGE COCHRAN, OF U. S. COURT, IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

In U. S. Court at Catlettsburg yesterday Judge Cochran decided in favor of the Union Oil & Gas Company the suits brought by the following persons:

J. I. Lyon, W. M. Lyon, J. M. Skaggs, J. F. Lyon, C. R. Lyon, C. F. Sparks, O. B. Kazez, L. T. Sparks, and H. F. Williams.

It seems that the basis of these suits was the fact that notice was given to the Union demanding development and that the company failed to drill within a year after this notice was given. There is a decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals that permits cancellation of oil leases under this condition, but Judge Cochran decided that the law of 1920 sets this aside.

The form of lease used by the Union is construed by Judge Cochran to mean that after the first year the company can pay the annual rental at any time within the year and this holds the lease. He says this lease is a contract that should be mutually kept.

This decision is of great interest to everybody in the oil fields, as it settles some very important points and makes clear the position of land owner and operator. After oil development starts in a State it usually requires several years to get laws and decisions down to a definite basis and much litigation is the necessary result.

ATTENDED FUNERAL.

Mr. R. E. Bernie was called to Columbus, Ohio, by the death of his father which occurred last Wednesday evening at the home of his daughters. He was seriously ill last December from a stroke of paralysis and had not been very well since. He was in his 76th year. Burial took place on Saturday at his old home at Marietta.

Mr. Bernie and his daughter, Evelyn, attended the burial.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Capt. and Mrs. P. S. Marcum celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Saturday at their home in Catlettsburg. Their son, Elliott Marcum of Cincinnati and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Maude Tinsley Marcum of Frankfort joined them.

LAWRENCE COUNTY HAS NO SLACKER

Louis Bertrom Lawrence is said to be the only man on the army slackers list from Lawrence county, Ky., and he is not a native. This is a record of which we have a right to be proud.

The U. S. government is publishing a list of all the slackers of the world war. There are thousands of names on this list, made up of those who evaded the draft.

Lawrence was employed at Torchlight, five miles south of Louisa, as chemist at a plant established there to make a product used in explosives, for which there was great demand during the war. The plant failed to produce in commercial quantities for some unknown reason. There was much talk about Lawrence "quitting" the enterprise. He was under suspicion on account of his position in regard to the war with Germany, and there was a great deal of comment about it. Lawrence is said to live in Cincinnati now.

STRIKERS BURNING COAL PROPERTY

TUG RIVER DESPERADOES APPLYING THE TORCH TO BUILDINGS OF OPERATORS.

The situation in the coal mining district of Mingo county, W. Va., and Pike county, Ky., is growing steadily worse. Outrages of all kind are being committed. As will be seen in our columns the torch is now being applied to mining plants.

Williamson, W. Va., May 24.—Five men arrested at points east of Williamson today, were charged with violating provisions of the martial law proclamation. They were Dewey Lester, charged with speaking slightlying of the proclamation; Walter Asbury, charged with interfering with labor; Mount Mansford, charged with having ammunition in his possession. A. D. Landis, charged with having ammunition and fire arms, and Carl Mounts, charged with resisting an officer.

Williamson, W. Va., May 24.—A fire, believed by authorities to have been of incendiary origin early today destroyed the Postoffice and store belonging to the Lynn Coal & Coke Co., situated a short distance east of Matewan, where the headhouse of the Stone Mountain mines was fired Sunday morning. The property loss is estimated by officials of the Williamson Coal Operators' Association at from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Like the mines at Stone Mountain, those of the Lynn Coal & Coke Company were idle and the property practically deserted. The Lynn Corporation ceased to operate its mines when the strike began last July and never resumed work.

Sid Hatfield, Matewan's chief of police and union sympathizer, made a visit to this city today in company with a Deputy Sheriff who had been sent to his home town to bring him in, in connection with his assault several days ago on P. J. Smith, Superintendent of the Stone Mountain mines.

OIL IN BOWLING GREEN.

In the heart of the city of Bowling Green, Ky., an oil well has been drilled 350 feet deep that flowed 100 barrels in four hours. An oil well in every man's front yard will be the style in Warren county's capital.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION.

In the teachers examination held in Louisa last Friday and Saturday there were 40 applicants. The grading is done in Frankfort and the result will not be known for several days.

Mr. Homer Yates Marries in Massachusetts

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Perkins Pillsbury announce the marriage of their sister Anna to

Mr. Homer Allen Yates on Saturday, May twenty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one at Springfield, Massachusetts.

At Home after June the first 1059 Beacon Street Brookline, Massachusetts

Mr. Yates is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Yates of this place. He has been with the American Radiator Company ever since he came out of the navy at the close of the world war and is located in Boston, Mass.

He is an enterprising young man and has established himself as a successful business man. He is popular among his Louisa friends, who extend best wishes to him and his bride. They are expected to arrive here this week for a visit of several days. As shown by the "at home" card they will reside in Brookline, Mass.

The following account of the wedding is taken from the Springfield Republican:

The Pillsbury home on upper Worthington street was the scene last evening of society's most attractive spring season wedding, when Miss Anna Pillsbury, daughter of the late Alfred F. H. and Ella (Perkins) Pillsbury, became the bride of Homer Allen Yates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Homer Yates of Louisa, Ky.

The fireplace in the living room was banked with palms and gladioli, and the bridal party, which entered from upstairs and through the reception hall, took its place before this. Rev. James Gordon Gilkey, pastor of South Congregational church, performed the ceremony at 8. Jacob's trio rendered the professional march from "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's recessional was used. During the reception selections of Schubert, Schumann and MacDowell were played.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Alfred Perkins Pillsbury of South Weymouth, and was attended by Mrs. Herbert Edward Dill of Hingham.

Mr. Yates and his bride left by motor during the evening for Louisa, Ky., where they will spend a short time. Mrs. Yates traveled in dark blue georgette with a taffeta hat of the same shade and a wrap of dark blue duvetyne. They will make their home at 1059 Beacon street, Brookline. Miss Pillsbury is a graduate of Central high school, where she was a member of Kappa Phi sorority, and of Smith college in 1914. Mr. Yates received his education in the schools in Louisa and Ohio Wesleyan university, class of 1919. He is a member of Chi Phi fraternity and is in business in Boston.

THE MAYOR'S DUTY.

The following is a part of the law in regard to the duties of Mayor:

"The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer, and in addition to the powers herein granted, he shall have general supervision over the affairs of the city, and see that the ordinances of the same are strictly enforced."

I have persistently insisted on the Police Court enforcing all the ordinances, and have at no time exceeded my authority or tried to shun my sworn duty. The law is published herewith because a few persons have said I have exceeded my authority in trying to have the laws enforced. AUGUSTUS SNYDER, Mayor City of Louisa.

KENTUCKY'S OIL PRODUCTION FOR MONTH OF APRIL

County	Barrels
Allen	59,719.36
Barren	192.21
Bath	98.12
Estill	74,197.39
Floyd	275.78
Jackson	169.01
Johnson	21,176.37
Knott	594.14
Lawrence	30,684.09
Lee	362,656.10
Magoffin	35,211.96
Menifee	5,231.86
Morgan	1,130.96
McCreary	694.01
Rowell	20,820.93
Wayne	50,434.25
Whitley	35,561.46
Wolfe	7,759.78
Total	740,634.76

WAYNE EXAMINATION.

In the April teachers examination held in Wayne county, W. Va., no number one certificates were made. There were 52 second and third class and 55 failures.

WM. R. CHAMBERS CALLED BY DEATH

Mr. William R. Chambers passed away last Friday at his home near Louisa. His death followed an illness of about six weeks.

Funeral services were conducted on the "Point" at the home of his son, M. W. Chambers on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. H. B. Hewitt preached the sermon in the presence of a large number of neighbors and friends. Burial took place on Pine Hill cemetery by the side of his wife and other members of the family.

Mr. Chambers is survived by two sons, Millard W. and Harry, with whom he lived and by some grand children. He was a good citizen and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

Mr. Chambers was a Confederate soldier during the Civil war. He was a member of the M. E. Church South.

Mr. Chambers was 82 years of age. He came to this place many years ago. He married Miss Sarah Davis, whose death occurred about five years ago. Of five sons only two survive. In the death of Mr. Chambers the community has lost one of its best citizens.

CRUDE OIL PRICE IS CUT AGAIN

Pittsburgh, May 25.—The Joseph Seep Agency, purchasers for Standard oil company, announces effective at 9:30 o'clock this morning the following reductions in prices for crude oil at the wells: Penn. cut 25 cents to \$3; Conn. cut 10 cents to \$1.90; Cabell cut 10 cents to \$1.81; Somerset heavy oil cut 10 cents to \$1.60; Somerset light oil 15 cents to \$1.50.

This has been expected by those watching the trend. When the decline started recently it was recognized as a movement that would not stop with one cut.

DECORATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be an all day service at Buchanan Chapel Church at Zella, Ky., on Monday, May 30. Dinner will be served on the grounds. There will be a decoration service by the L. O. O. F. of Buchanan. Preaching services before and after. A cordial welcome is extended to one and all. We shall be grateful for the presence of as many members from other lodges as can possibly be with us on that day. Come one and all and enjoy the day. COMMITTEE.

TWO KENTUCKIANS SHOT AT DEVON

At Devon, W. Va., on Tuesday of this week, while making a raid on moonshiners, two state police officers were shot. H. G. Litteral was killed and Charley Litteral was seriously injured. He is in a hospital in Welch, W. Va. They are cousins.

These men are both from Oil Springs, Johnson county, Kentucky. The body of H. G. Litteral was taken to Oil Springs Wednesday. Charley is in a hospital at Welch. Minard, a brother, is employed somewhere in Lawrence county and at the time this was written he had not been located.

TUG RIVER BRIDGE AT WARFIELD, KY.

BIG CELEBRATION AT KERMIT & WARFIELD WHEN BRIDGE WAS OPENED.

On last Saturday the new bridge between Kermit, W. Va., and Warfield, Ky., 28 miles southeast of Louisa, was formally opened for traffic. The occasion was made quite an eventful time by a celebration.

The Martin County Advertiser issued a special edition and we give below some facts taken from it: The Kermit-Warfield Bridge Company was organized two years ago by about ten of the owners of coal lands and coal operators having interests in mines in and about Warfield and Kermit with a capital stock of \$125,000.

It was not until after the beginning of the work that the company found it had greatly underestimated the cost of the bridge and \$25,000 additional stock and \$125,000 in bonds were issued to meet the increase of expenditures over the first estimate. The Himler Coal Company took over practically all the stock and the remaining stockholders absorbed the bond issue. This gives the Himler Coal Company a controlling interest in the company.

This is the most expensive and the heaviest bridge ever built across Tug River and cost \$300,000.

The following men are the officials of the company: D. E. Hewitt, president, Martin Himler, vice president, E. J. Lang, treasurer, and W. M. Hale, secretary.

The Himler Coal Company was first organized some four years ago by a few parties having certain objects in view. Aside from the primary purpose of mining coal, these objects were two in number.

First, it was to be a test of the ideal of co-operation between Labor and Capital in the carrying on of the industries of the country, and, second, it was a plan for the Americanization of foreigners.

Mr. Martin Himler, owner and publisher of a newspaper of wide circulation in New York City, was the leader in the movement and was elected president of the company. The company was first organized with a capital of \$40,000 and its first operation was at Himler, W. Va., on the old line of the Norfolk & Western railroad. Certain conditions prevailed there preventing the company from carrying on as large an operation as it desired and its officials began to look about for a location favorable to a larger enterprise. They were told of the famous Warfield seam of coal land, after investigating found it to be the very thing for their purpose.

They first secured a lease of twelve hundred acres from the Berger interest of Cincinnati which they have since increased to three thousand acres.

The estimated expense of installing their plant was \$250,000, but this estimate fell far short of their real expenditure which has reached the enormous sum of \$750,000.

The company is planning to invest \$1,500,000 in further development of the resources of the county.

They will also build an ideal mining camp planned to some extent from that of the Consolidation Coal Company's camp at Jenkins. All company houses will be plastered. They will be lighted by electricity and heated by coal and gas. Each house will be furnished with hot and cold running water. The camp will have a complete sewerage system.

There will be a Recreation building which will be furnished with every convenience for the rest and amusement of the inhabitants of the camp.

The company will give to its people a nine months term of school and will have special departments where the children of foreign descent will be taught the English language and the lessons of American citizenship. They will here learn of our wonderful history, of our heroes and our ideals and will learn to love and look to their adopted country instead of to the old country.

The company will also have a modern department store and ice plant. It is not expected that the Himler Coal Company will be embarrassed to any extent by the labor troubles on Tug River. Fully half of its employees will be stockholders and interested financially in the company which fact disqualifies them for membership in the United Mineworkers' organization.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. LaSelle of Des Moines, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bessie Mae to Sergeant Robert Murphy of Chicago, Ill. Miss LaSelle is a graduate of Drake University of Des Moines, and has been a successful teacher in the Primary Department of the Des Moines schools for several years. Sergeant Murphy is National Guard instructor of Illinois, of the Sanitary Troops. He is the son of Rev. M. T. Murphy of Theaika, Ky. He served with the First all through the great war and was formerly First Sergeant of Field Hospital No. 2.

RETURN FROM SCHOOL.

Miss Gladys Elizabeth Hawn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hawn of this place has returned home from Paintsville where she has been attending school at the J. C. C. Mayo College. She has had a good year in school, having made an enviable record for herself in the splendid institution of learning. —Warfield Advertiser.